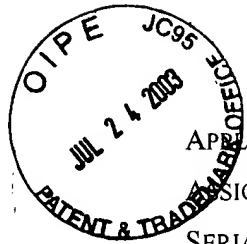


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time and required fee, and a Request for Continued Examination and required fee are filed herewith. With the extension of time, this Response is due on July 24, 2003. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-502NATL.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.